

A Private Citizen Speaks His Mind Spectator Comments On Men and Things

Some one asked me recently, "What is coming up before the legislature?" Well, the prohibition question is certain to loom large. The "dry" forces had some large advertisements recently addressing the citizens of the state on the dry issue. Citing the majority of 58,995 for prohibition, out of a total vote of 319,727. As a matter of fact, no one with any political judgment can disregard a vote of 189,366, and that was the vote for prohibition.

The prohibition forces call attention to our spending \$50,000,000 for liquors in 1942, with emphasis on the increase of 100 per cent in liquor consumption in two and a half years.

The advertisement calls attention to the fact that 24 out of 46 counties voted "dry," among them Greenville, Spartanburg, Union, Florence, Anderson, Laurens and Newberry.

It is evident that the prohibitionists will make a fight.

What shall we do with a surplus of \$5,500,000 or \$6,000,000? Ordinarily we have not been worried about surpluses. The last time we had a surplus there was so much eagerness to spend it that our state committed the state to a heavy permanent program of expenditure based on a temporary surplus. Very soon the state was crying aloud with a deficit of \$2,000,000.

There is danger of that very condition now. We can look back over the years of comparative prosperity, such as 1937, and quickly see that our present state expenditures would again involve us in a deficit. The great wave of revenue now coming to the state is purely temporary, a sort of backwash of blood and disaster, for it comes from the war spending.

We are so fortunate at the moment to have several million dollars of surplus, perhaps five or six millions. Everyone knows that this is the condition of the moment and not a permanent condition. That being so, and with inevitable readjustments at the close of the war, can we as sensible people undertake a program of spending based on the present revenue?

We shall have a call for more pay for the teachers. Perhaps a retirement plan for the teachers will be presented again. Did we not increase the pay of teachers last year? Didn't governor Maybank sign that teacher increase during the summer of 1941? Didn't that amount to a million dollars? And now another?

Has any one read the stories of farmers not having labor? Have we forgotten the wise conservatism of Doctor Query, who fears that the revenue is due for a fall?

What, indeed, shall we do with a temporary flow of easy money? Shall we embark on increased appropriations? Whatever we spend for teachers and welfare becomes a permanent commitment of the state. Then when the revenue falls, where shall we be?

We still owe relief to the taxpayer back home in the counties and towns. The heaviest local tax is that for the schools. If the state has five or six millions of surplus let it assume a larger part of the cost of the schools with a corresponding reduction in school taxes. When the state increases school salaries it usually leaves all the local burden on the back of the taxpayer. Let the state do something for him once in a while.

The soundest investment of the state's surplus would not be in any increases of spending. What we should do is buy bonds with every dollar of it and some other dollars we should save. In 1934 the state operated on less than \$6,000,000. This surplus might be a life-saver, if set aside for a rainy day.

A SOLDIER WRITES

The Chronicle is in receipt of the following appreciated letter from 1st Lieut. Lewis A. Crawford of Goldville, now stationed in North Africa. January 10, 1943.

Dear Mr. Harris: Since leaving the States some six months ago I have received my copy of The Chronicle each week just as if I were at home in Goldville. There are seven South Carolina boys in the same squadron as myself and we all enjoy The Chronicle just like a letter from mother.

A few days ago I received two copies, my first here in North Africa, and before I could read them they were ruined. As I went by the local post office to get them, "Herman the German" came over the field in five dive bombers. I dived into the first "fox hole" I could find and it was about waist deep in mud; so when I came up my two Chronicles, along with my flying suit, was a mess. I didn't get to read the news along with my other South Carolina friends, so I wish you would send me the Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 issues, and I promise at least six German planes will be brought down for their dirty work.

Last week I saw Lt. Jimmy Freeman, from Clinton, here in North Africa and he was having a good time giving "Herman the German" the works.

My subscription should be running out about this time, so I wish you'd continue to send me The Chronicle and send the bill to my sister, Margie Crawford, in Goldville.

Give my regards to my friends in Clinton and Goldville and tell all we fellows will be home by next Christmas—I hope.

Sincerely yours,
LEWIS A. CRAWFORD.

Lt. Lewis A. Crawford,
64th Troop Carrier Group,
35th Squadron, APO 650,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

Meeting Planned For Colored People

Thursday, January 28, 1943, C. B. Cannon, county farm agent and Miss Jennie Coleman, county home demonstration agent, are scheduled to talk to the Negroes of Clinton and adjoining vicinities at Bell Street school at eight o'clock p. m.

The program is intended to inform Negroes in this vicinity how they may help the government and themselves in this crisis.

Most authorities and, far-sighted individuals admit that this is a crisis the like of which has never been seen in our American history. We must unhesitatingly use the virtues of our forefathers who believed in preserving foods by canning and drying and any other methods which would guarantee the preservation of the foods during periods in which they are not grown.

Every home in Clinton and around Clinton can raise enough vegetables for their own use in their own back yard. They can also preserve enough food for their own family. Necessity may force us to this point; therefore, we are trying to see the need and act accordingly before the force comes.

We are asking every thoughtful citizen to be responsible for one or two Negroes being present at this meeting.

Our home economics teacher has directed a program which we feel was of much help to those who took part. One family of five is reported as canning 125 quarts composed of vegetables, preserves, fruits and berries last summer.

Every family in the community could have done the same.

Start now to make your home comfortable and happy by efforts to have balanced rations of palatable foods. J. T. W. MIMS, Principal, Bell Street School.

WEEK-END TRIPS . . VISITORS . . ILLNESS

BRIEFS . . ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Items of Interest Concerning Clinton Residents

Miss Eula Mae Holland has returned to Farmville, Va., after a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. C. Q. Holland, and other relatives here.

Miss Margaret Milam, student nurse at University hospital, Augusta, Ga., spent the week-end with her sisters, Mrs. Horace Horton, and Mrs. Edgar Copeland.

Friends of Robert D. Lynn will be glad to know he is improving at Providence hospital, Columbia, and expects to return to his home here this week.

D. B. Smith, manager of Bell's Department store, and Mrs. Smith are spending the week in New York buying spring merchandise.

Arnold Dixon has accepted a position with the bus station at Newberry.

Lt. Harry Davis of the army engineering corps, has returned to Newport News, Va., after a visit with relatives here.

Pvt. Joe L. Davidson returned Tuesday to Camp Butner, N. C., after spending a few days leave here with relatives.

Lt. and Mrs. Samuel Anderson were guests of friends here Saturday, returning to Morris field, Charlotte, N. C., from the Sarasota, Fla., air base where he had been located for several weeks.

Mrs. Annie B. Flidner was called to Asheville, N. C., Saturday due to the illness and death of her son-in-law, Charles Crowell.

Barrie Jean Wingard spent the week-end in Hickory Tavern with her grandmother, Mrs. Effie Wasson.

Friends of little Patsy Derrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Derrick, will be glad to know she is improving after being ill at her home the past week.

Cpl. Gary Holcombe of Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga., spent the week-end here with Mrs. Holcombe.

Mrs. Tom Davis left Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Glasgow, and Mr. Glasgow in Newport News, Va.

W. M. Page has returned from a several weeks visit with relatives in North Carolina.

Mrs. Leon Crump and daughter, Linda, were guests of relatives and friends in Greenwood several days last week.

Friends of M. C. Poole will be glad to know he is improving at his home after being ill for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonner Harvley and daughter, Martha Byrd, of Greenwood, spent Sunday with Mrs. Harvley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Blakely, Sr.

L. Holmes Holland, of the navy, who is attending a gun crew school at Little Creek, Va., spent several days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Irby Holland.

Mrs. T. E. Walden of Augusta, Ga., is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Mabry, and Mr. Mabry this week.

Friends of Mrs. G. W. Hollingsworth will regret to know she has been a patient at Hays hospital since Saturday.

Mrs. O. O. Copeland of Newberry, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Shealy, and Mr. Shealy.

Miss Dorothy Edwards of the Trenton school faculty, will spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Edwards. She will have as her guest Miss Nell Townsend of Aiken, who also teaches in Trenton.

Mrs. Carroll White Copeland left the past week for Durham, N. C., where she joined Captain Copeland, stationed at Camp Butner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Holloway, formerly of Greenwood, have moved to the Rounds apartments on Woodrow street. Mr. Holloway holds a position as telegraph operator with the local Seaboard railway office.

Miss Adeline Boland of the Woman's Army Auxiliary corps, returned Tuesday to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., after a few days visit with her father, F. M. Boland, and other relatives here.

J. D. Taylor of the coast guard, Key West, Fla., was the guest of friends at the orphanage during the week, enroute to Atlanta to visit relatives.

Mrs. Bruce Roberts and daughter, Betty, of Wilmington, N. C., are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McIntosh. Mrs. Odys McIntosh of Greenwood, also visited Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh for the week-end.

Friends of Preston Milam, of the navy, will regret to know he is a patient at the naval hospital, Portsmouth, Va., suffering a broken nose injury. Mr. Milam expects to visit relatives here as soon as he is able to leave the hospital.

Lt. W. S. Horne will leave Friday for Edgewood Arsenal, Md., where he has been transferred, after a visit with Mrs. Horne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Adair. Lt. Horne's former post was at Fort Benning, Ga. Mrs. Horne and son, Billy, will remain here for some time.

Mrs. W. A. McDowell of Pacolet, and Mrs. John Williams, formerly of Brownwood, Texas, who is spending some time with her mother before joining Captain Williams at Camp Blanding, Fla., visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Robert Lynn, during the week.

Captain and Mrs. William M. Blakely and small son, Bill, formerly of Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, are spending a few days with the former's mother, Mrs. R. F. Blakely. They will leave Thursday for the Laurinburg-Maxton, N. C., air base where Captain Blakely has been transferred.

Miss Pearl Carter was the guest several days last week of Mr. and Mrs. Dial Gray in Laurens.

Eugene Sloan, student at Erskine college, Due West, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. E. B. Sloan.

Mrs. Russell Mize has accepted a position in the office of the Gulf Oil company.

Mrs. W. H. Moorhead of Shreveport, La., who is spending some time with Lt. Moorhead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moorhead in Goldville, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bolick.

Mrs. L. H. Oden, Jr., of Blackshear, Ga., spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. K. Shealy.

Friends of Captain Ned S. Hays of the army air corps, will be interested to know he has been transferred from San Antonio, Texas, to Venita, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Dial Gray of Laurens, spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carter.

Joe Bolt of the navy, stationed at Baltimore, Md., spent the week-end here with his mother.

Friends of Mrs. E. L. Chandler will be glad to know she is improving at home after being a patient at the local hospital.

Mrs. Carroll P. Reid and small daughter, Carolyn, are spending some time with Mr. Reid, who is employed in Augusta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson of Greenwood, Gordon and Nick Nelson of Rock Hill, on Sunday visited their mother, Mrs. A. M. Nelson. Friends of Mrs. Nelson will be glad to know she continues to improve.

Mrs. W. E. McCauley of Charleston, was the guest during the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Crump.

Mrs. C. J. Bouknight of Charleston, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Metta Stone.

Friends of Dr. F. D. Jones will be glad to know he is showing improvement from an illness the past week at his home.

Friends of J. Clarence Copeland will be glad to know he is able to be up after being ill the past few days.

Mrs. J. W. Copeland has returned from a visit to her niece, Mrs. John T. Stevens, in Kershaw.

Friends of little Jimmy Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nichols, will be glad to know he is able to be out after several weeks illness.

Captain and Mrs. Walter B. Todd of Camp Gordon, Augusta, are spending a few days leave with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reed Todd, and the latter's parents in Laurens.

Mrs. V. James Gause has accepted a position in the office of S. W. Sumner, insurance agent.

Mrs. R. S. Owens visited relatives in Newberry on Sunday.

Mrs. Richard White of Chester, spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. T. Heath Copeland, and Mr. Copeland.

Friends of Prof. and Mrs. Kenneth N. Baker will regret to know the former's father, Kenneth N. Baker, Sr., of Greenwood, is seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were in Greenwood to visit him on Tuesday.

Miss Lottie Browning of Greenwood, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. S. Y. Adair, and Mr. Adair.

Mrs. S. A. Timmons visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Broom, in Spartanburg several days last week.

Friends of Frank Simpson, Jr., will be glad to know he is improving satisfactorily following an appendix operation on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCombs have moved to a residence on South Broad street.

Friends of Mrs. B. F. Wingard will regret to know she is a patient at Hays hospital.

Mrs. W. B. Tribble spent several days the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Quinn, in Blacksburg.

Mrs. C. D. Pitts, F. M. Boland and J. D. Boland attended the funeral of Charles Crowell, of Asheville, N. C., in Forest City on Tuesday.

Friends of Grady Adair will be interested to know he has accepted a position with the Home Store.

Mrs. Fred Ehrhardt has returned to her home here after a three weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. C. H. Swiler, in New Orleans, La.

Friends of Miss Collie Summer, who has been spending some time with her parents in Chappells, will be interested to know she is doing relief duty on the nursing staff of Hays hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jacobs are guests for several days of Dr. Dillard Jacobs in Atlanta.

Friends of Dr. J. B. Kennedy will be glad to know his condition is showing improvement following a recent operation at the General hospital in Spartanburg.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews and children of Newberry, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson.

Pvt. William Simpson of Los Vegas, New Mexico, spent the week-end with his brother, Frank Simpson, Mrs. Simpson and other relatives.

Lt. William P. Jacobs, III, of Fort Bragg, N. C., visited his mother, Mrs. W. P. Jacobs, here during the week enroute to Fort Benning, Ga., where he will take a three months course in motor maintenance.

Mrs. Davis R. Holland on Sunday visited her aunt, Mrs. Agnes S.

Mayes, in Newberry. Word has just been received that her son, Lt. John Mayes, was killed in action in North Africa.

Mrs. W. C. Twitty, Jr., has joined her husband at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Twitty, in Rock Hill for the week. Mr. Twitty, attached to the army air corps, glider division, is enroute to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Captain Archie S. Adair, formerly of Victorville, Calif., paid a short visit this week to his mother, Mrs. H. D. Rantin, enroute to a month's new assignment at Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Adair, who accompanied him here, will spend some time with her parents in Laurens.

Friends of Miss Maud Geer will be glad to know she is improving satisfactorily at the home of relatives in

Rutherfordton, N. C., after undergoing an appendix operation and expects to return to her home here this week.

Miss Lou Abrams, formerly of Charlotte, N. C., spent a few days this week with her mother, Mrs. Estelle Abrams, before going to Conway where she will be superintendent of the hospital there. Mr. and Mrs. Drummond Bailey and children of Greenwood, and Bill Abrams of Columbia also visited their mother during the week.



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